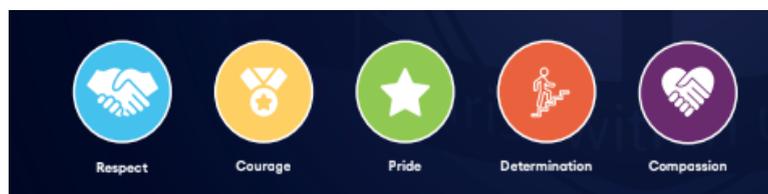


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Year 8 End of Year Assessments

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Year 8 End of Year Assessments

20th June - 1 July

During next half term, 20 June - 1 July pupils will have their end of year assessments. We think it is important that pupils experience exams and assessments, in Year 8, so that they can be as prepared for external examinations when they come, while at the same time ensuring this is as stress free and as supportive as possible.

Success in assessments is a team effort which involves you, the school and pupils working together and so there are many things you can do to support your child at home.

As well as the subject specific support on the next few pages, we have put together some revision tips which we will also be talking to pupils about in assemblies and form time.

Revision Support

Subject Teachers will begin preparing pupils for the End of Year Exams over the next few days in lessons. Revision guidance and materials for each subject area is available on:

- **GoogleClassroom** As you will know, revision and support resources are also always available on Google Classroom which all pupils have a unique school-based login for. More information, including help videos, on how pupils can and should access this platform is available [here](#).
- After school Subject Revision Sessions - these will be advertised over the next few days. Pupils can stay in the library to complete revision until 4pm each night.
- Helping pupils with their Mental Health during Exams - we will be running some support sessions on this to support healthy habits to reduce anxiety during exams. There are also lots of helpful resources on our [website](#) and a video about exam anxiety and how to deal with it [here](#).
- Pupils will be supported with Revision Planning and writing a revision timetable in form time and lessons when we return from half term.
- Curriculum Content and Homework plans, as you will know from previous communications, have been available all year [here](#).
- **Laptops:** We still have a bank of laptops that we can lend out, if you would like one to help your child revise, please contact the school on schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com

We will be using the results and analysis of the end of year assessments to plan summer revision support and adapt and personalise our curriculum offer, next year, to ensure any gaps pupils have, are closed.



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Subject Specific Assessment Information

| Subject | Type of Assessment | What will my child be assessed on? | What can my child do to revise? |
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| English | 2 x written assessment in lesson | A comprehension and analysis paper based on a 20th Century extract. A creative and narrative writing task. | Work set by class teacher on Google classroom along with in class revision sessions leading up to the exams. |
| Art | 1 x written assessment in lesson | Pupils will be assessed on their technical ability to draw, blend a range of tones and have knowledge of the principles and elements of art. | Revision guides will be on Google classroom looking at principles and elements of art. |
| Maths | 2 x written assessment in lesson | A mixture problem solving questions based on Number, Algebra, Shape and Data | Hegarty Maths https://hegartymaths.com/ Revision Topic List with match-up to Hegarty on Google Classroom and also given to pupils. Practice Papers and Walk-Thru Questions in lessons |
| Science (Biology) | 1 x written assessment in lesson | Mixture of multiple choice, short answer and long answer questions testing both knowledge and practical skills. Covering the topics digestion, photosynthesis & respiration and biodiversity | Students have all been provided with details of how to log onto Seneca learning through google classroom and can access all topics assessed through there. https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ |
| Science (Chemistry) | 1 x written assessment in lesson | Mixture of multiple choice, short answer and long answer questions testing both knowledge and practical skills. Covering the topics periodic table, chemical reactions and acids & bases | In class students will be given a list of appropriate BBC bitesize revision pages however the link to the bitesize page can be found at https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv In class we will focus on exam practice and addressing any learning objectives (on parental reports) that students need to revisit. |
| Science (Physics) | 1 x written assessment in lesson | Mixture of multiple choice, short answer and long answer questions testing both knowledge and practical skills. Covering the topics energy, light and sound | |



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| RE | 1 x written assessment in lesson | Holy Trinity, Sermon on the Mount, Jewish beliefs about the nature of God, role of women in the Church, Stewardship | Revision resource provided in hard copy & Google Classroom Review/revision tasks in lessons |
| History | 1 x written assessment in lesson | Pupils will be assessed on prior knowledge relating to the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Industrial Revolution, the First World War and the Inter-War Years. The assessment will be a mixture of multiple choice, independent answer and source analysis questions. | Exercise books (many pupils have already been encouraged to take them home or will be by the end of this half term). Revision resources available on Google Classroom. BBC Bitesize online resources - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39 |
| Geography | 2 x written assessment in lesson | Pupils will be assessed in two areas: their retention and understanding of geographical knowledge from the year and their ability to use key geographical skills to describe location, interpret graphs and to use resources. | All of the lesson resources from the year are available in the Google Classroom. Class books can be used to complete retrieval quizzes from lessons and revise specific knowledge. Knowledge organisers available for students to collate their knowledge gathered throughout the year. https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/map-skills is a great website with games and activities to help with grid references and map skills. |
| French | 2 x written assessment in lesson | Pupils will be assessed on prior knowledge and recent units of work. A reading and comprehension assessment will help us assess their progress from Unit 1 to 5. A writing assessment on the same topic will prepare them for future examination under controlled conditions. | Google Classroom assignment and Quizlet material uploaded and in lesson revision. |
| Computer Science / ICT | 1 x computer based assessment in lesson | Programming Hardware and Software App Development Spreadsheet Skills Animation | Revision section on Google Classroom with revision materials and activities |



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Revision Tips

There is no correct way to parent learners when preparing for assessments. Choose the approaches that work best for you, your family, and your situation. Below are a few suggestions you may wish to trial.

- Talk to your child about their upcoming assessments.
- Ask them how you can help.
- If your child needs a laptop at home to revise with, we can loan one - please contact schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com who will pass your query to the relevant member of staff.
- Try to provide a quiet space for your child to complete homework/revision.
- Encourage your child to think creatively about revision e.g. Record facts/ revision notes on your phone/ laptop, make your revision notes into a podcast, listen to it a couple of times a day.
- Talk to your child about having their mobile phone in another room when completing homework/revision.
- Ensure learners get enough sleep. Regular bedtimes, and wake times, will help concentration spans.
- Set your child a challenge. For example, you could ask them to revise a short topic; using the revision resources, you could then 'test' them on what they have just revised.
- Talk to your child about the importance of trying to get their 5-a-day, enough exercise.
- Encourage your child to drink lots of water.
- Ensure they take adequate breaks.
- Stay positive. Look for ways in which you can help them to believe in themselves by reminding them of the successes they have had.
- If there are any revision sessions/intervention at school that your child has been invited to, encourage them to attend.
- Remember teachers will set [homework](#) tasks that will count towards preparation/revision for the assessment.
- Children should avoid 'just' reading a revision guide; always try and build some activity or interactivity e.g. summarise in their own words, draw and label diagrams, get someone to test them, use online resources that the school has to offer; Google Classroom; Hegarty Maths, QUIZLET, Seneca learning, Educake.